



# ALL THE GOOD NEWS GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



December 2025

## Dunked

I was baptized by my father, Rev. Ray Grant, on Christmas Day, Sunday, 1960. No affusion, no christening, no aspersion but rather immersion; dunked all the way under the water. Romans 6:4 *We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.* Washed, redeemed, sealed, marked, saved. I have played the organ for countless baptisms of all ages. The miracle of baptism, Yes! You can feel the Holy Spirit in the Room.

God, the Great I Am, the Ancient of Days, from Everlasting to Everlasting. Immanuel. God With Us.

Steve Grant

**Celebrate Grace's 175th** anniversary of being allowed into the Diocese, **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** Reception following. Bishop Richards will be there and we will have confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations as part of the celebration.

**Ready for a Leap of Faith?** Our next Episcopal Christianity Class begins **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library. It is the last chance to prepare before the Bishop's February 12<sup>th</sup> visit. This class is for anyone interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation, or to simply study the faith.

## Wednesday Night Advent Dinner

Celebrate the Season with a free Wednesday Night Feast! **Wednesday the 17th of December at 5:30 p.m.** Bring a donation for Family Promise if you want. Be sure to let us know you are coming by contacting the parish office by **Monday, December 15th.**

## Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 Coffee Hour



# ACTION

GRACE

## Coats and Blankets for the King

We will be collecting new or gently used coats and blankets for our community friends in need of such items. Coats and blankets may be brought to the church. Deadline to be determined. Thank you



## Anderson Lights of Hope

Family Promise is one of the local charities Anderson Lights of Hope supports. They need volunteers to man the front gate from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (you may serve some or all of those hours). You will be greeting cars, explaining the process, collecting the admission charge (\$10 per car) and soliciting donations for Family Promise. Dates to be determined.

## St. Catherine's Guild News

Please join us for our Advent party and meeting on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at noon in the parish hall at church. Just bring a sandwich. Your dessert, drink, and other treats will be provided. In addition to enjoying each other's company, we will stuff stockings for the homebound in our church family. Please bring 26 small stocking gifts, such as candy, packaged snacks, tissues, and other fun surprises. We will be discussing activities for our meetings in 2026, so put your thinking cap on and share your ideas! If you want to play our Santa gift exchange, bring a gift (not expensive - maybe around five dollars). For more information, call Anne Martin (864) 561-2187.



## Meals on Wheels

Grace Church has been delivering meals for Meals on Wheels for several years. We have route 12 on Mondays. It takes about 1 ½ hours once a month. We need additional drivers. If you are interested, please contact the church office or call Jim Boyer at (864) 617-0653.

## Poinsettias

Poinsettia forms are available for pick up in the cloister and by the parish office door. Suggested donation of \$20. You may place these forms in the offering plate or in Nikki's box in the copier room. Deadline to have forms turned in is Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Bus Tickets

## Emanuel Kant School

The diocese has asked Grace to adopt Emanuel Kant School in Cange, Haiti as a mission partner.

We have a long relationship with the school of 540 students k-12 and its founder Luke Berno. If you would like to help, click on this link and read about the school amazing work or contact Powell Hickman at (864) 376-4219.



## Family Promise



# GATHERINGS AT GRACE

## Women Wine and Wisdom

WWW New Book For Fall  
This month, our WWW group is reading Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans, a beautifully honest exploration of faith, church, and belonging told through the lens of seven sacraments. Bring your book, a curious heart, and a willingness to share in laughter and prayer as we journey together through this modern telling of hope and renewal. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

## Guys Gathering at Grace

Grace Guys will gather on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
Men of all ages are encouraged to join us!



## Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship

We meet every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Join us as we knit, crochet, chat, and get to know one another. Bring any portable project you want to work on, or we do have supplies available. For more information Contact Lisa Mattison at [lisamattisonrn@gmail.com](mailto:lisamattisonrn@gmail.com)



## Ladies Prayer Group

The Grace Ladies Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Library. All are invited to join us in prayer.



## Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King (DoK) is meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. If you are thinking of joining or have questions, please join us. We will be discussing the Advent season.

## Grief Support

Grace Grief Support welcomes anyone who may be in a journey of loss to meet once a month at Grace for a time of conversation, fellowship, and sometimes lunch. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join. For more information contact John Taylor at [johntaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:johntaylor@yahoo.com)

## Popsicle Choir



## Memorials

In Memory of **Robert Mangum** to the **Pastoral Care Fund** by:

Tab & Julie Bates

Norah T. Grimball

Peggy & Curtis Mangum

John & Ellen Mangum

Elizabeth & Richard Deibert

Tim & Carol Dale

Montez S. Langford

Lisa & Eric Simmons

In Memory of **Robert Mangum** to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund** by:

Charlie & Louise Knisley

Tony & Annette Giseppi-Elie

In Memory of **Jeremy Osburn** to the **Memorial Fund** by:

Charles & Grace Clary

In Memory of **Jeremy Osburn** to the **Altar Guild** by:

Anonymous

In Memory of **Jeremy Osburn** to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund** by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie



## Honorariums

In Honor of **Bryan & Dixie Harris** to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund** by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

In Honor of **Hugh & Jan Osburn** to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund** by:

Tony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

If donors prefer to remain anonymous, please indicate this with your Memorial or Honorarium



# Family Newsletter

December 2025

## Christmas Pageant

We will have our annual Christmas pageant at 5pm on Christmas Eve. Join us for a pageant where all ages will be invited to join in the telling of the Christmas story, no rehearsal necessary!



## Reminders

Please remember that we will not have Mom's Monthly Meetup this month.



## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 6: Breakfast with St. Nicholas
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Pageant

# YOUTH NEWSLETTER

December 2025

## What's Happening?

### EYC Advent Party

The annual EYC Advent Party will be Dec. 7 from 5-7pm. All teens are welcome to this event. Teens are invited to wear any festive outfit (appropriate pjs are okay). There will be a white elephant gift exchange, so all students who would like to participate should bring a small gift that is \$5-\$10.

### Finals Survival Kits

As your teens are quickly approaching finals season, Grace would like to help ease some of the stress. Please see Sharon for a free Finals Survival Kit for your student, beginning Dec. 14.

## EYC Meals

Beginning in January, sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board outside the parish hall to provide meals for EYC. Please consider making a meal and getting to know our teens!

## Upcoming Events

- 12/7 - EYC Advent Party
- 12/14 - Finals Survival Kits available

## Contact Info

Email:  
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# Happy Holidays

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Larry Bowman  
2nd Bill Hinnant  
3rd Sandy Sloan  
4th Tate Mosteller  
6th Cobb Oxford  
6th Mary Harris  
7th Bren Bowman  
8th Scott Mattison  
8th Kate Wilford  
8th Sharon Dorsey  
8th Noah Parker  
9th Debbie Hand  
9th Lucy Bates  
9th Pam Herold  
11th Connie Ormes  
12th Greta Jacobsen  
13th Louise Knisley  
13th Bryan Harris  
15th Lynne Prince  
16th Cindy Baker  
17th Annie Hughes  
18th Randy Baker  
20th Rebecca Dixon  
22nd Sara Cheek  
24th Dianne Peeler  
25th Jimmie McGaw  
30th Marian Maxwell

## STEWARDSHIP

As of 10/31/2025  
YTD 2025 Revenue: \$327,965  
YTD Expenses: \$353,299  
YTD Deficit: \$25,334

## PLEDGE DRIVE

### Week 6

#### 2026

Pledged: \$328,119  
Cards Turned In: 99

#### 2025

Pledged: \$288,970  
Cards Turned In: 87

## December NewBirth Dates

1<sup>st</sup> Donna deHoll  
2<sup>nd</sup> Don Colman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Devine  
4<sup>th</sup> Quinn Camak  
4<sup>th</sup> Joe Herold  
7<sup>th</sup> David Burden  
8<sup>th</sup> Sophia Kloeck  
9<sup>th</sup> George Lidlow  
10<sup>th</sup> Daryl Kress  
12<sup>th</sup> Maddie Clark  
15<sup>th</sup> Connie Pearce  
21<sup>st</sup> Ella Clark  
21<sup>st</sup> Violet Clark  
21<sup>st</sup> Eric Kent  
22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Harris  
22<sup>nd</sup> Michael Lollis  
23<sup>rd</sup> Catherine Cutting  
23<sup>rd</sup> Debbie Hand  
26<sup>th</sup> John Cullen  
27<sup>th</sup> Marian Maxwell  
28<sup>th</sup> Joe Maxwell



# UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2025

1<sup>st</sup> St. Catherine's Guild Meeting: Noon  
1<sup>st</sup> Vestry Meeting: 6 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with St. Nicholas: 9 a.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> Outreach Meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> EYC Advent Party: 5-7 p.m.  
9<sup>th</sup> Staff Advent Lunch: 11:30 a.m.  
17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Advent Dinner  
18<sup>th</sup> Grief Support Meeting: 10 a.m.  
18<sup>th</sup> Guy's Gathering at Grace: 6 p.m.  
24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve  
25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas  
25<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closed  
28<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Christianity Class: 9:15 a.m.

## Christmas Services

### Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Pageant with Eucharist  
10:30 p.m. Eucharist

### Christmas Day

No Services

## Year End Contributions

Checks must be postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025. Any checks received after 12-31-2025 will be posted to your 2026 statement,.

## Christmas Flowers

Flower Forms are available for pick up. Please have these tuned in by December 15th

## Offering Envelopes

2026 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the cloister.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is January 11<sup>th</sup> in the church. All reports for the meeting are due to Nikki by January 5<sup>th</sup>.



Episcopal  
Christianity Class

DEC  
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# PRAYER LIST

John Bostater: by Kathy Bostater  
Karlann Bostater: by Kathy Bostater  
Bill & Anne Jameson: by Kathe Harris  
Michael Bays - Cancer  
Jean Wilson: by Pam & Joe Herold  
Sharon Honeycutt - Jodie Webb's  
Mother

Robyn Bundy: by Stuart & Gail Adamo  
Mary Oppermann: by Joey Opperman  
Matt McAlister: by Marty Jenkins  
Mary Anna Scott - Pat Bradham's Sister  
Mitchell Fullerton: by Susan & Steve  
Fullerton

Dewell Garner: by Linda Hoffman  
Tammy Chamblee: by John Heeny  
Lake Morris: by Lynne Prince  
Carroll Price: by Heather Morhardt  
Doctor Rajeev Malik: by Gill Powell  
Rogers' Family: by Sara Cheek  
Stephen Heeney: by John Heeney  
Bonita Glover - Healing: by John Heeny  
Erwin Karl: by Pam & Joe Herold  
Beckham Owens: by Maxwell Jeffers  
Stephanie Flaherty: By Jackie Lenhart  
Larry Strong: by Jodie Webb  
Mike Rose: by Pam & Joe Herold  
Lola Josey: by Linda Hoffman  
Noah Holman: by Janet Rippy  
Millie Chamberlean: by Lisa Tucker  
Elaine Junkins-Suzanne McMahan's  
sister

David Bradham: by Pat Bradham  
Sutton Jeffers: by Maxwell Jeffers  
Karen Ostrea: by Pam & Joe  
Maxine Urquhart: by Carol Miller  
Riley Gilbert: by Jackie Lenhart  
Bill Shaver: by Linda Hoffman  
Jeff Nelson: by Kirri & Brent Kinley  
Pam Herold: by Joe Herold

Matthew Sharkey  
Susan Fullerton  
Linda Wilson  
Cameron Miles  
Joe Ball  
Mason Winarski  
Joshua McMillan  
Susan Anderson  
Amelia Hanks  
Diane Obright  
Connie Whiteside  
Kaylee Muthart  
Alex Gundry  
Missy Parson  
JoAnn Watson  
Kervin Family  
Bill Speer  
Eddie Benenati  
Sandy Sloan  
Catherine Campbell  
Greta Jacobsen  
Bob Cooper  
Suzanna McMahan  
Vivian Fink  
Gary Bechert  
Lib Christeson  
Frederick Hall  
Sarah Reeder  
William Moore  
Ellis Ripley  
Rick Schlup  
Debi Frantz  
Judy and Mark Blakenship  
Ruby Eppler: by Cindy Baker



## **Expectant Parents**

Parker and Caroline Bates  
Brent and Kirri Kinley



# AUTUMN *at Grace*





# Blessed Feast of the Nativity of your Lord!

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Tuesday 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Wednesday 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Thursday 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

## CONTACT

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## The Grace Code

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- New to Grace
- Outreach Giving
- Facebook Page
- Family Promise
- Breakfast with St. Nicholas

